

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

RICARDO VELASQUEZ,

Plaintiff,

-against-

EILEEN'S SPECIAL CHEESECAKE OF
QUEENS, INC., a New York corporation, d/b/a
EILEEN'S SPECIAL CHEESECAKE, and 17
CLEVELAND PLACE, LLC, a New York
limited liability company,

Defendants.

No. 1:23-cv-09302 (JLR)

ORDER

JENNIFER L. ROCHON, United States District Judge:

This case has been assigned to me for all purposes. It is hereby:

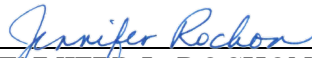
ORDERED that, within thirty (30) days of service of the summons and complaint, the parties must meet and confer for at least one hour in a good-faith attempt to settle this action. In their discussions, the parties should consider whether plaintiff has satisfied the threshold requirement of standing. *See Calcano v. Swarovski N. Am. Ltd.*, 36 F.4th 68, 77–78 (2d Cir. 2022); *Harty v. W. Point Realty, Inc.*, 28 F.4th 435, 443–44 (2d Cir. 2022). To the extent the parties are unable to settle the case themselves, they must also discuss whether further settlement discussions through the district's court-annexed mediation program or before a magistrate judge would be productive at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within fifteen (15) additional days (*i.e.*, within forty-five (45) days of service of the summons and complaint), the parties must submit a joint letter informing the Court whether the parties have settled. If the parties do not reach a settlement, the parties shall in the joint letter request that the Court (1) refer the case to mediation or a

magistrate judge for a settlement conference (and indicate a preference between the two options),
or (2) proceed with an initial status conference.

Dated: October 24, 2023
New York, New York

SO ORDERED.



JENNIFER L. ROCHON
United States District Judge